

The Blessing of Christian Community

Source Text: 1 Peter 3:8-12

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Sermon Points:

1. PROACTIVE ATTITUDES (3:8)
 - a. Harmonious
 - b. Sympathetic
 - c. Brotherly
 - d. Kindhearted
 - e. Humble-Minded
2. REACTIVE RESPONSES (3:9)
3. SUPPORTING REASONS (3:10-12)

Discussion Questions

1. How can a person cultivate these five attitudes in everyday life? In what ways are these attitudes connected, and how are they distinct from one another?
2. Which of these attitudes come most naturally to you? Which are the most challenging?
3. How are these attitudes expressed at DBC? As a church family, are we characterized by these qualities?
4. When you think of a “family”, what comes to mind? In what ways is DBC doing well in cultivating a family atmosphere? Where could we grow or improve?

5. What can you and your close circles do to help DBC become more like a family?
6. When responding to evil or insults, what is most difficult for you? Do you tend to withdraw or fight back? What are some ways you can grow in this area?